

AB 112

Valley Transportation Authority Flexibility

Fact Sheet

PROBLEM

Since the formation of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), unprecedented growth has occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Santa Clara County in particular. It has become apparent that additional measures are required in order to deal more effectively with the resultant serious traffic congestion. These measures will foster the development of trade and the movement of people in and around the Santa Clara Valley and throughout the entire Bay Area.

In VTA's role as the congestion management agency (CMA) for Santa Clara County, VTA is responsible for prioritizing, programming, and allocating funding for certain federal, state and local transportation capital improvement projects.

VTA's enabling statutes are clear from the standpoint that they can provide funding for maintenance and repair of transit facilities, but they are vague regarding VTA's ability to provide funding for maintenance and repair of other transportation facilities (i.e., state highways, local streets/roads, bike/pedestrian facilities).

VTA has been in discussion with the cities and the County about local street/road funding needs. In Santa Clara County, there are significant funding shortfalls with regard to

local street/road maintenance projects, but it is not clear that VTA may allocate money to these projects as needed.

THIS BILL

AB 112 is straightforward in terms of what it will accomplish. AB 112 is intended to clarify VTA's enabling statutes to allow them, as the CMA for Santa Clara County, to prioritize, program and allocate the various funding sources for maintenance and repair of all types of transportation facilities, not just transit facilities.

STATUS/VOTES

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Do pass as amended: 14-0

SUPPORT

- Valley Transportation Authority (Sponsor)
- AFSCME

OPPOSITION

- NONE ON FILE

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